



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

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ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE GEORGIA

MEMORANDUM FOR 78 SPTG/SV

FROM: WR-ALC/EM

SUBJECT: Hunting Season for Feral Hogs

1. Feral hogs are currently hunted on Robins AFB during the deer hunting season, established by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. Despite hunting pressure, hogs have been observed on the base airfield, posing a hazard to aircraft, have caused extensive habitat damage in some forested areas of the base, and cause occasional damage to landscaping in urban areas of the base. Habitat damage by hogs often negatively impacts other wildlife species that are dependent on the same habitats such as white-tailed deer, amphibians and reptiles, and understory-nesting birds. Problems associated with this exotic species are not unique to Robins, and a variety of measures have been implemented elsewhere to better control hog abundance. In some states, wildlife agencies have attempted to eradicate this species. In others, the hunting season for hogs is more liberal than that for native big game such as deer. On private lands in Georgia there is no closed season and no limit for taking hogs.
2. In order to reduce problems caused by hogs on Robins AFB, the hunting season for this species will remain open all year, with certain restrictions, and there will be no limit on the number of hogs taken per hunter. The fall and winter hunting season for hogs will conform, as in the past, to the State deer hunting season, generally running from September to early January. Outside the deer hunting season hogs may be hunted each Friday through Sunday, and only in Hunting Area D.
3. Anyone hunting for hogs on Robins or in Area D must carry a State hunting license and a base-hunting permit, regardless of the time of year.
4. Weapons authorized for hunting hogs during the non-deer hunting season are 20 gauge shotguns or larger, muzzle-loading black powder rifles, and bows and arrows. No other weapons are authorized.
5. Hunting rules established in RAFB Instruction 32-7064 and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Hunting Seasons and Regulations must be adhered to.

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